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1. SUMMARY: ANNOUNCEMENT MAY 12 THAT TWO IRANIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS ARE IN PRAGUE LENDS CREDENCE TO RUMOR WE HAVE HEARD THAT SHAH MAY VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN AUGUST. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY RUDE PRAVO CARRIED TWO SEPARATE STORIES MAY 12 ANNOUNCING PRESENCE OF IRANIAN TRADE DELEGATIONS. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LED BY DEPUTY TRADE MINISTER ALIREZA AROUZI IS SAID TO HAVE COME TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEEPENING OF ECONOMIC TIES IN CONTEXT OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE LONG-TERM CONTRACT FOR NATURAL GAS SIGNED LAST NOVEMBER (REFTEL), WHICH ACCORDING TO RUDE PRAVO SHOULD INCREASE THE OVERALL TRADE FIGURES BY "AN EXTRADORDINARY AMOUNT".

3. SECOND DELEGATION LED BY CHAIRMAN OF IRANIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK
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COMMITTEE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND MINES HOSSEIN ALAGHBANDI CALLED ON FINANCE MINISTER LEOPOLD LER ON MAY 11. SUBJECT OF TALKS NOT REVEALED IN RUDE PRAVO.

4. WE HAVE HEARD FROM COLLEAGUES THAT SHAH OF IRAN MAY VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN AUGUST. SUCH VISIT WOULD NO DOUBT PLEASE CZECHOSLOVAKS MIGHTILY FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL REASONS,

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AND THESE TWO DELEGATIONS MAY BE LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR ECONOMIC
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